and conditions of the services of Assistant Librarians/Deputy Librarians and Assistant Directors of Physical Education/Deputy Directors of Physical Education also is under consideration of the Government.

Withdrawal of admission powers from Satya Sai Engineering College

3790. SHRIRAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA :
SHRIB. J. PANDA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has withdrawn admission powers from Satya Sai Engineering College, in Orissa putting the future of hundreds of students to stake, as reported in the media;

(b) if so, what is the background of this decision;

(c) position of those students who have already been enrolled and undergoing course studies; and

(d) whether the degree/diploma awarded by the Institute is recognized by Government for employment, if not the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) As per the information furnished by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), they have kept Satya Sai Engineering College, Balasore, Orissa, under 'No Admission' category during the academic session 2002-03 on the basis of the report of the Expert Committee who reported non-compliance of minimum norms and standards by the Institute. The decision was challenged by the Institute in the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa, which upheld the action taken by AICTE. As the decision to place the Institute under 'No Admission' category is applicable only for fresh entrants, there would be no adverse effect on the students who have already been enrolled and undergoing studies in the Institute. The students passed out from the Institute received their degree from the approved affiliating University and thus recognised for employment.